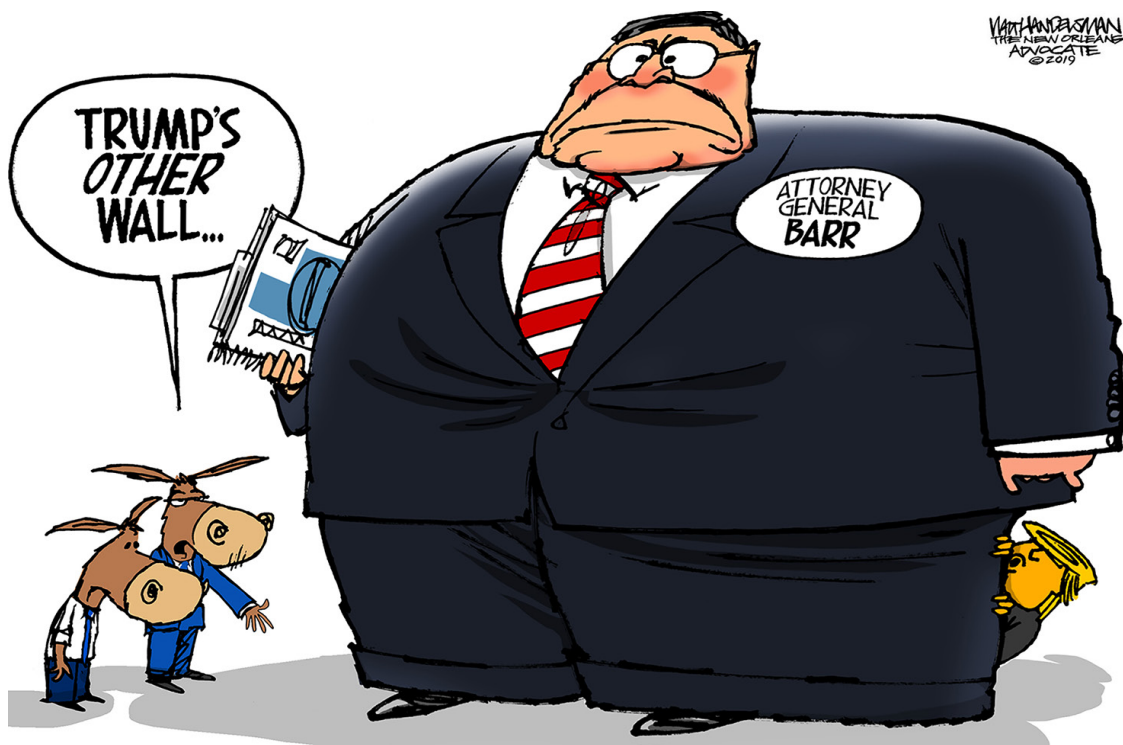


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## Letters to the Editor...

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*Clarification:* In last week's issue, columnist T. Lee Brown endorsed school board candidate Mande Seeley. Her page 2 op-ed column quoted Courtney Snead, interim director of Sisters Park & Recreation District, Seeley's employer, who described some of Seeley's work. To clarify: Neither SPRD nor its director endorse any candidate for public office. The endorsement came from the columnist alone.

To the Editor:

I want to give a shout-out to our SHS student drivers! They continually impress me in their consistency to use their blinkers. I drive to the HS at least once a day (sometimes 3x) and am surprised daily by their blinker use as they pull IN to the parking lot, drive OUT of the parking lot and all around town.

It's true. Safety (physical AND emotional) is higher on the list for iGen (Internet Generation). Born in the late 1960s, I'm a GenX who is fascinated by the book called iGen (Thank you G. Greaney for the book recommendation!).

Author, Jean M. Twenge, PhD., refers to those born 1995 to 2012 as iGen. Unlike Millennials, they don't remember a time before the Internet (and this, specifically, changes this population). Twenge has done extensive data analysis from more than 11 million respondents over multiple decades (since 1976).

One thing she does point out is that fewer 16-year-olds are wanting to obtain a driver's license — because "driving" might not be safe and risk-taking is at an all-time low with this generation. That alone is intriguing to me. My 16th birthday was defined by my trip to the DMV to get my license.

If you are raising an iGen, employing an iGen (or ever plan to leave the house), you need to check this book out (or download it if you ARE an iGen). You'll be surprised at data graphs of the iGen's unique qualities of how they spend their time and money, how they behave (physical interactions with others outside of their family, etc.) and their surprising

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## National security threat?

By Steve Nugent  
Guest Columnist

There are still chants of "lock her up" referring to Hillary Clinton at Trump rallies, even though she was never indicted for any wrongdoing. Trump would love to lock up anyone that criticizes him or challenges him. Trump even threatened to lock Hillary up after he was elected. That is what authoritarian dictators do.

If you had been paying attention, you would know that Trump envies the world's dictators the most. I think he dreams of being one. Hillary used a personal email server for some of her official business and it was an unwise thing to do in our current world of cyber-espionage. A slap on the hand was sufficient.

In the U.S., you don't punish someone just because you don't like them. The irony is that the Trump administration has a record of security abuses that makes any previous administration look like choir boys:

Within the first days of the Trump presidency, Trump was having talks with his intelligence officials about the North Korea nuclear threat on a public patio at Mar-a-Lago, within earshot of the other patrons.

Trump has used unsecured personal cell phones for conducting official White House business, including talks with foreign leaders for more than 2 years. These can be hacked and listened in on. To my knowledge, he continues to do this.

Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner both used personal email accounts for official White House business until this was flagged by the media. No indictments there, yet. They would get pardons from Trump anyway.

Trump disclosed top-secret intelligence from an ally to the Russian Ambassador in the oval office to the dismay of the ally and our intelligence officials.

Trump has held a number of high-level secretive meetings with foreign adversaries, including Russia, that did not include any US intelligence or State

Department officials. These meetings were never documented and Congress is pursuing more information on what transpired in these meetings.

Twenty-five top-security clearances were approved for Trump family members and appointees despite objections from White House security staff. These applicants all had conflicts of interest and/or dealings with foreign adversaries. Trump made sure that they were all approved anyway. According to the media, there is evidence that the blockade of Qatar or delays in removing it was instigated by Jared Kushner because Qatar denied him a loan to bail him out of his failing 666 5th Ave. property \$1.2B debt. It was revenge and punishment for Qatar and self-dealing by Kushner.

Most people don't realize this, but the U.S. was closer to nuclear war than any other time in history due to Trumps threatening rhetoric with Kim Jong Un last year. Security analysts and intelligence officials close to this were very scared. The whole military was on heightened alert. Luckily things have moderated, but the heat is being turned up again by North Korea.

Mar-a-Lago was recently infiltrated by a Chinese woman carrying malware. The Secret Service cannot provide security at this site, but Trump insists on using it.

Pretty much all of the dangerous behaviors that Hillary warned us about have come to pass. We have an incompetent President that appoints incompetent White House cabinet officials that end up resigning or getting fired. We have a President that supports nepotism. He does not see himself as a President that shares the power to govern the country. He sees himself as a king and a ruler, and his family is the Trump Dynasty. It seems that there are laws, rules and safeguards for the rest of us that don't apply to elite Trump and the elite Trump family.

The real threat to national security is not migrants seeking asylum at our southern border, it's Trump himself.

*Opinions expressed in this column are solely those of the writer and are not necessarily shared by the Editor or The Nugget Newspaper.*

### Sisters Weather Forecast

Courtesy of the National Weather Service, Pendleton, Oregon

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